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## Guest Editorial

*Our committee has agreed that just occasionally there will be a Guest Editorial. We are grateful to Peter Annison for this first one. It comes, of course, without the usual vetting and debate that precede the usual ones!*

St Margaret's Church, Hawes, is currently in the news with an appeal to raise a considerable sum towards the cost of essential maintenance and repair work. But there are many churches, chapels, village halls and reading rooms in Wensleydale that sooner or later will also need expensive repairs. In many cases the only way to raise most, if not all, the money needed will be through a public appeal, no doubt assisted by coffee mornings and similar fund-raising efforts.

Over recent years we have seen the closure of chapels, for example in Hawes and Askrigg (two!) when their congregations dwindled and the cost of upkeep became an impossible burden. Even some of the small churches in outlying communities have closed and been converted to other uses, whilst others are only opened for occasional services.

The problem with most churches and chapels is that the buildings do not easily lend themselves to alternative uses that might raise extra revenue. And the congregations have also to contribute to central church funds on top of meeting their own local needs.

Village Halls perhaps fare a little better since they can cater for a wide range of village activities and thus generate some income. Nevertheless the ever-rising costs of maintenance and heating are presenting volunteer treasurers with a growing problem in balancing the books. The assets we inherited from earlier generations are turning into troublesome liabilities. So what is to be done?

Before attempting to answer this question perhaps we should answer another one first. And that is: How many of these buildings do we need today?

It seems slightly extravagant to have a chapel in Hawes and another in Gayle, scarcely a mile away. Similarly St Margaret's, Hawes can only be 2 miles, as the crow flies, from Hardraw Church. These buildings were built when communities were much larger than today and before the invention of the motor car when travel was on foot or by horse. Even

though conditions are now very different a decision to close is still terribly difficult, but perhaps better than a lingering financial demise?

Another possible solution (although that might be too ambitious a description) might be to create a local charity from legacy contributions that is specifically intended for the upkeep of such community buildings. Older people who own their own homes have benefited enormously from the extraordinary rise in house prices in recent decades. It is not uncommon for people to leave very large sums to their beneficiaries, as a direct result of the increase in property values.

A charitable gift of, say, a few hundred pounds would hardly be noticed by the beneficiaries and yet would, when combined with similar gifts across our community, build up over time into a meaningful and useful fund. Earlier generations bequeathed us the churches, chapels, village halls and the like and perhaps it is now our turn to help future generations care for these assets.

**Peter Annison**

## **Formal Consultation Announced on Children's and Maternity Services at the Friarage Hospital**

NHS Hambleton, Richmondshire and Whitby Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) has announced it will start the formal public consultation around children's and maternity services at the Friarage Hospital in Northallerton **on Monday 2nd September**. The consultation will run for 12 weeks and will close on Monday 25th November.

The public will be able to give their views through an online or paper survey. The CCG will also be holding a number of public events, where consultants from the Friarage will be on hand to provide further explanation of the issues faced and the options to ensure any clinically safe and sustainable services for the future.

*The public meeting for our area will be on  
**THURSDAY OCTOBER 17th**  
at Hawes Primary School  
from 7.00 to 8.30pm*

## Aysgarth Singers

Do you enjoy singing? Would you like to sing- in a local choir? If so, we would like to hear from you. The Aysgarth Singers is a mixed voice choir with 44 members and we now have a few vacancies. We are especially short of tenors and basses, but we welcome new members in all sections of the choir.

We start rehearsals on September 3rd meeting every Tuesday evening from 7.30-9.00pm in the Aysgarth Institute, under the directorship of Stan Roorcroft MBE. We work hard and have a lot of fun. There is no audition and it is not essential that you can sight read the music, although it helps.

We generally perform a couple of concerts in the autumn term, often for charity, and then we work towards the Wensleydale Tournament of Song in March. We do not meet during the summer term.

If you are interested, then please contact Di Clegg 666059 [diana.clegg7@gmail.com](mailto:diana.clegg7@gmail.com) for more details, or turn up on 3rd September.

## Dales Discovery Evenings

**Wednesdays at 8.00pm**

**Hawes Methodist Church**

- 7th** 'By beck and dry stone wall' slide and music show by Ken Biggs, Richmond
- 14th** 'An evening with Alfred Wainwright', a dramatic presentation by John Burland, founder of the Wainwright Society.
- 21st** 'Birds of the Dales', Ian Court, Yorkshire Dales National Park.
- 28th** 'Mountain and Cave Rescue in Wensleydale and Swaledale'. Tony Harrison and Sam Woodgate, Swaledale Mountain Rescue Team.

Each session lasts between an hour and an hour and a quarter. Admission £2.50; children £1.00

## Spanish Afternoon

Spanish afternoon. **Sunday 11th August 4.00pm** onwards. White Hart, Hawes. Free entry. Tapas, Paella and Sangria available. Children welcome. Games, face painting etc. In aid of Hawes gala.

## Eunice the Ewe



The winner of the £10 prize was **George Chapman, Hawes.** Where am I now?

## Heavens Above

It's 'meteor month' again and conditions couldn't be better for the return of the ever reliable Perseid meteor shower which peaks in the middle of August. There's no Moon to spoil the view this year, so weather



permitting, if you go out around midnight on the nights of the 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> you could see up to 30 or 40 of these bright, swift 'shooting stars' an hour. Many of them leave persistent afterglows or 'trains'. With a bit of luck you might even glimpse a really brilliant bolide or fireball streaking across the sky. To get the best view try and find a site well away from street lamps and other forms of artificial lighting such as security lights – the bane of sky-watchers everywhere!

In between keeping an eye out for meteors take a look at the summer Milky Way. It's a lovely sight as it meanders through the Summer Triangle, a striking pattern of 3 bright stars – Vega, Deneb, and Altair - almost overhead at this time of the year. If you're really keen and stay out until the early hours you'll see the giant planet Jupiter climbing into view in the east. The Red Planet, Mars is also on view slightly to the left of Jupiter. If you've a really flat horizon you might also see Mercury very low in the east-northeast. Brilliant Venus is an evening object but it's not really well placed for viewing, *very low* in the west about 40 minutes after sunset. You'll find the ringed planet, Saturn, to the upper left of Venus. It's really too low down for viewing with a telescope and will soon disappear into the evening twilight.

We're almost at the end of the noctilucent cloud season but you might still be able to catch a display of these beautiful silvery-blue high altitude clouds at the beginning of the month. Look out for them low in the north-west before midnight, and low in the north-east in the early morning hours. Have clear skies!

**Al Bireo**

## Marie Curie Cancer care

### Wensleydale Fundraising Group 2012-2013

“The people of the Wensleydale area continue to amaze me with their kindnesses and generosity.” Lorna Clarkson – local Marie Curie Nurse



This year more than £10,000 has been raised for the charity. This amount pays for 55 nights of home nursing care for people who are terminally ill. The money was raised from domino drives, sales of Sue Iveson's cookery book, music - accordion, silver brass, and choir concerts, street collections, sales of bric-a-brac at car boot sales, coffee mornings, the 40s weekend, and the Wensleydale Show. Chocolate Santas and Easter Eggs have been raffled. There's been a quiz night, the annual curry night organised by Saffron of Leyburn, and many donations, some anonymous, in gratitude for the help and support given by Marie Curie Nurses.

Collection tins on shop and pub counters have brought in £450 and we continue to look for good locations for them — anyone needing one please ask.

The fundraising for 2013-14 is off to a flying start with £1,200 from the 2013 Saffron Curry night. The group welcomes new ideas and new members. If you are interested, contact Lorna Clarkson – 01969 623522 or Margaret Knight – Margaret.knight7@btinternet.com

### THORNTON RUST INSTITUTE

Looking for a place to hold that special event?  
If so, why not hire our village hall with refurbished kitchen and new accessible toilets.  
For further details please contact  
**Martyn Donno 662649**

### Time stands still in Hawes

Unfortunately the clock in St Margaret's church tower, to many the "Hawes town clock" has had to stop due to the restoration work on the church. Normal service will be resumed as soon as it is safe to do so, but that is likely to be some months hence.

## FREE Tennis This Summer!

This August come along and play tennis for **FREE** on our tennis courts! All are welcome and there is no need to book. Just turn up and play - first come first served. This has been made possible through a grant from Richmondshire District Council Community Opportunities Fund.



### Great North Air Ambulance clothes collection

You may already have drawers full of unworn clothes or thinking of having a wardrobe clear out. If so then Yorebridge Sport and Fitness will take them off your hands (no matter what condition they're in!) for the Great North Air Ambulance collection Friday September 13<sup>th</sup>. So please don't throw them out – every item is worth something to the Air Ambulance and ourselves. We would be very grateful for any clothes, shoes, bags, belts, towels, curtains, bed linen (not duvets or pillows). Please bag them up and leave them outside the centre front door (next to the blue outdoor store) **from Wednesday September 11<sup>th</sup> onwards up to 1.00pm on Friday 13<sup>th</sup>.**

### Fundraising events

We have two events coming up soon. On **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August** there will be a barbecue at Allen Kirkbride's home at Town Head, Askrigg. All welcome.

Then on **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September** there is a quiz night at the White Rose Hotel, Askrigg at 9.00pm. The cost is £2 per person with a maximum of 6 people per team. A raffle will also be held.

For more information on any of the above contact us on **650060** or email [admin@yorebridge-sport.co.uk](mailto:admin@yorebridge-sport.co.uk)

## Wensleydale Railway

### August events:

- 1st** Yorkshire Day
  - 10th** Real Ale train and BBQ
  - 10th** Evening murder mystery
  - 24-26th** Aysgarth Station Open Days
  - 25th** Afternoon Tea Train
  - 31st** Dixieland Jazz and Real Ale.
- Information: **08454 50 54 74**

## Askrigg School News

**A**s we say goodbye to our Year 6 children here are some of their reflections after their visits to secondary school:

'I'm looking forward to Wensleydale school because its bigger than Askrigg so they can get more equipment and better food. But it's a lot bigger so it's harder to find your way round and there are more people and space as well as football pitches. So overall I'm going to enjoy Wensleydale school.'

**Craig**

'I'm looking forward to go to Wensleydale school, because I would like to make some new friends. I'm also looking forward to having a bigger choice of lunches. My down side of going to Wensleydale is that the lessons will be a lot harder, and there'll be more homework. The other problem is that I won't know everyone's name. But overall I can't wait until I go to Wensleydale.'

**Kian**

'I'm looking forward to Wensleydale School because it's a lot bigger so you will be able to do more stuff. But there will be harder lessons and you will do each lesson in a different classroom unlike our primary school that had every lesson in the same class. Also there are a LOT more people at Wensleydale School than there is at my school so that might be better or it might not. Overall I'm looking Forward to Wensleydale School.'

**Matthew**

'I am looking forward to going to Kirby Stephen because of all the sport they do there. Also making some new friends there as well. There will be more choice to have at playtime and lunch. The down side of going to Kirby Stephen is longer lessons and more home-work. The school is a lot bigger than our old one so there will be more chances to make friends. We also get to go against other schools in sports.'

**Rupert**

'I am really looking forward to be going to Wensleydale School. I really like the food there it's very delicious and cool. I like

most of the teachers! I really like sport it's very fun and sometimes tiring out. So far I like most of the pupils there because they are very welcoming to everyone but you have got to be very nice to them! I made a lot of friends there. A lot of people said hi to me but I did not know any of them because they were all mostly boys - it's because of my half big brother Jack telling nearly everyone that he knows me.'

**Bobby-lee Banks**

## National Park Authority Joins GP Funding Protest

The National Park Authority has voted to add its voice to protests over plans to cut a special payment to GP practices that could see rural surgeries close.

Authority chairman Peter Charlesworth said: "Some of the GP practices in the National Park serve very, very isolated communities. Without the funding, the surgeries may have to close and the communities would be badly affected."

John Blackie proposed that the Authority should lobby local MPs and write to Department of Health officials expressing concern over the proposal. He also proposed that the YDNPA should ask England's other National Parks to join in representations to the Government to get the proposal scrapped. The Authority will also contact every parish and district council within the National Park to explain what action it is taking.

Member William Weston said: "I think it's increasingly alarming that, alongside a number of other actions that are taking place on a national level, this really is undermining the potential for people to have a good quality of life in rural areas."

## Stories from the Dales

An Exhibition of Paintings and Poetry by  
Ian Scott Massie

**Everyday From Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> July-  
Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> August  
10.00am-5.00pm**

Holy Trinity Church, Wensley

## Prunings

### *A personal take on Plants, Propagating and other related rural ramblings.*

**W**e have a Philadelphus which has long lived just behind the wall across the lane. For the last week of June and the first couple of weeks in July it has been amazing: festooned in flowers, more than 2 metres high it exuded the most wonderful perfume and every time I put my nose out of the door it assailed me. I wish I knew its name, but like so many of my favourites I have had it for many years. On the fragrance front there is little to beat this hardy strong growing member of the Hydrangea family and all named varieties I believe are perfumed. The RHS lists seven forms, all with AGM status, and several are sold by various nurseries as hedging. My old friend might be P Macrophyllus as it sports single flowers which are pure white, but I can't be sure. Another lovely variety is Manteau D'Hermione, with bubbly double flowers and again, beautiful scent. It's perhaps not quite as strong growing and may be more appropriate for a smaller space. P. Coronarius Variegatus has lime green leaves and perfume to die for, although the flowers are less spectacular against the paler foliage. I must remember to cut it back in the autumn: this year we left it until spring and of course we lost all the flowers. P. Belle Etoile has more slender growth but with much larger single flowers flushed with a hint of pink at the centre. There are many more, but as I haven't grown them I can't enthuse. They are all extraordinarily tough and don't seem to mind the conditions here in the Dales so if you need to fill a gap they are worth a punt.

Closely following on behind the Philadelphus came the Weigelia and Deutzia. None of them has the perfume you might expect although I love how the Deutzia nods its pretty, white head and says "Look at me." I have been impressed by the show put on by the Weigelia because there are so many lovely forms. Weigelia Bristol Ruby is one of the better known ones with healthy growth and deep pink flowers. The one I see most often in the dales is W. Florida Variegata which has variegated leaves and smothers itself in pale pink flowers. Although it can grow to more than 2 metres by 2 metres this

takes a long time as with all plants sporting variegated foliage. Basically the variegations have less Chlorophyll which means it can't put on growth as quickly. The one growing on my patio has a nasty habit of putting out plain stems which grow very quickly and so I cut them out in the spring. A smaller variety with its own particular charm is W Florida Purpurea whose leaves are very purple, and an excellent foil for its pale pink flowers. W Moulin Rouge is another pretty specimen with strong pink flowers and creamy edging on the leaves. My own favourite variety is W. Briant Rubidor, a lovely red bloom appears among its acidic green leaves, and it has no problem with the weather.

Good luck! And whatever you grow, take time to enjoy it.

**Rose Rambler**

## We'd Like You to Weed

Gradually the garden behind the Penny Garth in Hawes has been changing. On most Tuesday evenings a small number of interested folk gather in an informal, friendly group to weed and plant. With a donation from the Parish Council the weed was scraped off and removed by Ivan. Gary, who is in charge of Open Spaces for RDC, was able to provide plants, free, under the Partnership scheme. Richard Noble assisted with the selection and made a planting plan; he has also begun a spraying regime for the accessible weeds. You may have noticed all this taking place. It is a very large area to keep looking good, with flowers we want and the weeds, which nobody wants, removed.

The garden has two basic needs to maintain and improve its appearance: some additional tough clump forming plants which people may be able to donate from any surplus of their own; and more willing people to come along for a little gentle weeding. It would be great to see this garden continuing to improve for the enjoyment of us all; it is appreciated by residents and visitors. There is no need to commit, just come along if you can help. The existing group come when they can but there is no pressure to be there each week.

**Gwen and Noel Clark**

## **‘Grand Départ’ Working Group Hawes**

The Tour de France Activities Group meeting, held on 10th July and mentioned in the last issue p28, heard how the run up to the Grand Départ on the 5th July 2014 is taking shape. The meeting raised more questions than it answered.

Plans are underway to hold a cultural festival in the 100 days leading up to the Tour de France Grand Départ. Fact sheets from the National Park for setting up a temporary camp or caravan site and car park, or planning a village party were circulated, with a frequently asked questions sheet.

The initiative of the meeting was to start a working group tasked to arrange activities in Hawes before, during and after the event. This was set up under the chairman John Blackie.

The next meeting will be held on **14th August at 6.00pm** in the Dales Country-side Museum.

Once again the invitation is extended to all. If you cannot attend but have ideas on activities that could take place in Hawes, please email your views to the Community Office,  
[uwco@btconnect.com](mailto:uwco@btconnect.com)

**P.C.W.**

Although July 2014 seems a long way off, much preparation is afoot with places along the expected route (the final details will be out in October) meeting to consider opportunities and problems.

The Newsletter committee agreed last week to include as much detail as possible as to what is being discussed up and down our area, so we do urge groups, councils and businesses to keep us up to date so that we can inform all readers.

In the month leading up to next July we intend (somewhat obviously!) to have cycling-based article and features. Any readers with good cycling tales to tell should certainly make contact with us.

Next July’s Newsletter will be one of our very occasional full-colour cover issues.

**A.S.W.**

## **Leyburn Bowling Club**

We have now reached the halfway stage in our quest for a first J S W Bowls League title. Leyburn's good form continues and our last 4 matches have seen 3 good wins but unfortunately also our first league defeat of the 2013 season.

In the past month we recorded our first 7 - 0 maximum win of the season in our home match with Masham and then went on to repeat the feat in our subsequent home games against Richmond and Dishforth. Disappointingly in between these victories we suffered our first defeat of the season, a 6 - 1 loss away to the current league leaders Bedale.

This means that having now played 10 of our 20 games in this year’s J S W Bowls League and lost just the one we presently sit in 3rd place in the league behind Bedale and the current champions Hutton Rudby. This should all make for an exciting second half of the season with Leyburn doing their very best to take the title for the first time, though we fully realise this will be far from easy with many difficult matches still to be played.

Away from the league, on Sunday 14th July we held another of our Sunday club competitions ( Jumble ). This time it was a triples competition and the clear winners were Hazel Derby, Ann Steggle and Barry Richardson, with second place going to Dick Milestone, Brian Moffit and Michelle King. This was another scorching day and, as with our previous Jumble in June, we followed it with a barbecue to which friends / family etc, joined the players themselves.

Last, but certainly not least, we also thank everyone, sellers and buyers alike, who attended our Car Boot Sale at Craken House Field Farm on Sunday 7th July and, along with the much appreciated hot and sunny weather, helped to make the event such a success.

**Mervyn Buckley**



## Ivy

We **Certainly Do** Need to talk about Ivy.

In her article in last month's Newsletter Ms Ebeling did not have a good word for ivy and seemingly would like to eradicate it. Yet ivy is one of the most valuable tree species for wildlife, providing food for birds and insects when little else is available. By flowering in the late autumn it provides the last nectar of the year before the winter sets in. Then in the spring ivy produces berries when no other fruit is around. Ivy is an important plant in the ecosystem and it can only fulfil this role when it has grown above the height of grazing animals. Only then will it produce flowers and fruit.

Ivy is not a tree disease, or as she rightly says, even a parasite, it is just a part of the complex web of inter-dependent species that make up our natural world. The beautiful Holly Blue butterfly lays its second brood of eggs **only** on ivy flowers; it is totally dependent on ivy. Take away one part of the web and the rest is damaged. I am sorry ivy offends her but over-tidying of the countryside is harmful to wildlife.

**Deborah Millward**

## Stalling Busk

St Matthew's Stalling Busk will be holding its annual Flower Festival on the August Bank Holiday weekend. Our theme this year is the Language of Flowers. It will open with a Preview and Concert on **Friday August 23rd at 7.30pm** given by Askrigg Ladies Sing for Pleasure. Admission £5. Refreshments will be available.

**August 24-26th, Saturday, Sunday, Monday.** We will be open from 10.00am-5.00pm for coffee, light refreshments and teas including after the Lakeside Service which will be held at Semerwater at **3.00pm on Sunday 25th.**

There will also be a display of children's art work and creative writing, collected from local schools and pre-school children. If you thought you knew everything about flowers, forget Constance Spry and come along to St Matthew's to discover some amazing and amusing facts to entertain you! Further information: **650177**

## Tree Planting Guide

Woodland is part of our natural environment and on the whole is widely appreciated. Many of us have happy childhood memories of playing in woodland and even today a woodland stroll (say, at Freeholders' Wood, Aysgarth Falls) can provide peace, solitude, glimpses of wildlife and recently, shade from the sun.

The Yorkshire Dales are short of woodland - well below the national average - so there is a drive to increase our woodland acreage. But it can't be just any old wood or forest, it has to fit into the landscape. Look what happened in the 1960s: vast blanket forests of conifers that are now giving us many a headache. The lessons have been learned. Apart from being varied and improving biodiversity, woodland needs to blend into the surroundings naturally, enhancing the scenery, not spoiling it.

Now the National Park Authority has produced a free 50-page guide on tree planting in the Dales to encourage the creation of new woodland of the right type in the right place. The aim is to plant at least 80 new hectares and to bring a further 65 hectares of existing woodland into good management. All this will help to join up fragmented woods and provide safe corridors for wildlife.

The booklet is available from the Authority's Senior Trees and Woodlands Officer, Geoff Garrett or from the Authority's website at [www.yorkshiredales.org.uk/woodlandsadvice](http://www.yorkshiredales.org.uk/woodlandsadvice).

## Arts, Craft and Flower Festival

St John's Church, Cowgill  
Upper Dentdale.

Part of the 175th anniversary celebrations

**Saturday August 17th 9.00am to 4.30pm**

**Sunday August 18th 10.00am to 4.00pm**

Refreshments, raffle,

historical display of Dentdale.

Informal service at **2.30pm on the Sunday**

## Patronal Festival and Village Feast

On **Saturday, 24th August** St Bartholomew's church, West Witton, will be open for refreshments throughout the day (**10.00am – 4.00pm**). There will also be an exhibition in church with the theme of "Wedding Dresses through the Years". If anyone has anything they feel would be of interest to show in this exhibition, please contact Anne Kinsman, Bolton Dene, West Witton (next to Wensleydale Heifer) or phone evenings **622307**. Looking for older-style wedding dresses/suits/head-dresses/gloves/parasols, a man's morning suit, wedding albums/photographs of weddings that took place at St Bartholomew's, wedding samplers/embroideries, wedding accessories, etc. Everything will be shown great care, will not be touched by visitors and be returned during the evening.

### Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> August

Cottage Show in West Witton village Hall  
Submission of entries 9 -10.30am; Judging  
10.30am – 1.00pm;

Viewing and prizes 1.00 – 4.00pm

Fell Race departs Kagram at 6.00pm  
returning to playing field by 6.45pm

Bartle procession leaves Kagram at 9.00pm  
and proceeds through village until he meets  
his end!

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August** – Fun Day on playing-field from 1.00pm BBQ, bar, refreshments and raffle Children's fancy dress and sports. Magician. Quoits, wallops, boules, adult sports including tug-of-war and egg throwing. Fun dog show Blethermen Band

### Caring for Life

On the **4th August** the Morning Worship at St. Andrew's, Aysgarth will be led by a team from 'Caring for Life'; a Christian initiative on the outskirts of Leeds which supports homeless and vulnerable young (and older) people in independent living accommodation.

St. Andrew's adopted 'Caring for Life' as their Christmas Charity.

Come along and find out more by sharing in this unique informal service.



*Mystery picture. Last month's was the interior of Wensley church. Where is this?*

### Fundraising for the Great North Air Ambulance Celebration in Newbiggin, Bishopdale

On Sunday 14th July, Brian White and Peter Waterfall held their 10th annual garden party to celebrate their birthdays. Some 50 neighbours and friends, including family from Sheffield and Wigan, joined them to enjoy the day in the glorious weather.

Again the hosts suggested that a donation to the Air Ambulance would be more appreciated than cards or presents.. Their friends responded magnificently by giving a total of £1193, which included a substantial contribution from friends in Sheffield. The collection has been sent to the Great North Air Ambulance. As most of the donations were accompanied by Gift Aid declarations, the taxman will also have to contribute.

The Air Ambulance has attended patients in Newbiggin and Bishopdale several times. Brian has tested the service himself having been taken in the helicopter to James Cook Hospital, following a stroke three years ago. Brian and Peter would like to thank all their friends from Newbiggin, Thoraby and as far afield as Sheffield for their generosity and support for this worthwhile local charity, far exceeding their hopes.

### Why is my computer SO SLOW ?

That must be the commonest question I am asked and as you might guess there are a number of possible reasons.

- 1) If your computer is very old (8-10 years plus) it probably has little memory (not storage space though that too may be limited) compared to modern computers and if you run an antivirus it is probably struggling to do just that, not leaving you much capacity to actually do something with the computer. The march of time and ever more powerful computers mean that people who write programs (such as your antivirus) assume users have ever faster and more capable machines. Best solution is to consider replacing your machine as it probably isn't cost effective to upgrade, especially as Windows XP support ends early next year. If it is an oldish computer (3+ years) or running windows vista it may be useful to upgrade the amount of memory in your computer and shouldn't be prohibitively expensive. Many computers with Vista shipped with 1Gb of memory but it really isn't adequate to run Vista well – upgrading to 2Gb or 4Gb makes a huge difference.
- 2) Windows XP and Windows Vista machines (and increasingly Windows 7 too) have had a lot of updates from Microsoft (in the case of XP about 13 years of updates!). These will disorganise the way data is stored on your hard disk making it much slower to access files and hence slow down your computer. Defragmenting your hard disk is a good way to shuffle files about and speed things up a bit. There is a built in tool in windows but I recommend PerfectDisk which can be purchased from [www.rexco.com](http://www.rexco.com).
- 3) Loads of rubbish installed on your computer that has been downloaded unwittingly from the internet or infections. Uninstall any programs you don't use (Control Panel, Uninstall a Program) and use a good virus checker and malware checker to scan your system for infections. For malware I recommend Malwarebytes AntiMalware from [www.malwarebytes.org](http://www.malwarebytes.org). It is worth investing in the paid-for version as it then updates and runs all the time and stops you visiting dodgy websites!

4) A hardware fault – commonly a disk fault. Running a disk checker to fix disk errors (which are surprisingly common) can help speed things up.



There is one built into windows (go to Start > Computer and right click on disk C: and select properties. Under the Tools tab click

Check Now ... Make sure all the tick boxes are ticked and click OK – you will then be prompted to restart your computer. Note this check can take a long time (upwards of 2-3 hours in some cases).

There are other reasons for slow computers but these are the most common.

On a final note – lots of people have been bringing me laptops with damaged hard disks – please treat your laptop with kid gloves when it is switched on. Moving it while it is switched on, and especially jogging it, can cause permanent damage to your hard disk which in worst cases mean a dead computer. And that brings me to remind you to backup – none of the damaged hard disks I have been looking at in the last few weeks had backups so files were lost – if they are all your wedding photos or baby photos it can be very upsetting and a tragic loss!

As always if you have any questions or suggestions for an article topic you can contact me via my website:

[www.dalescomputerservices.com](http://www.dalescomputerservices.com).

**Carol Haynes**

### HAOS September Rehearsals

The first rehearsal for Peter Pan will take place on **Tuesday 2nd September at 7.30pm**. Our new rehearsal venue is Griff Thomas's new building on Bruntacres, Hawes. If you would like to take part, either on stage or behind the scenes, please come along. There will be another chance to hear the script on **Thursday 4th September also at 7.30pm**. If you can't attend either of these dates, come along on Tuesday 9th September. Please ring **Jennifer 667241** if you need any more information

## Bainbridge and District Motor Club

17th July Andrew Foster organised the Canny Rally starting at Swan Farm, Redmire with a reversing task between flags. After that we went to Carperby, across Aysgarth Falls to Thoraby then down dale to West Witton, Wensley, Preston under Scar, then on to the tank road. Then over the moor to Grinton, Reeth, and headed out on the Arkengarthdale road past the CB Inn onto a single track lane which sent us in a loop back past the CB! We then headed back over to Low Row, Crackpot, Satron and back over the gated road to Askrigg where we finished at The Crown Inn. Everyone seemed to enjoy the night with a couple of cars getting quite lost resulting in one not finishing!

The next rally is on **Wednesday 21st August** which is the Signpost Rally organised by Mike Percival and Chloe Billingham, all welcome.

The Hill climb will take place on **Wednesday 14th August from 6.00pm**, located above Bainbridge. For information or to enter please contact **Bob Foster on 622331 or 07811385392 or Tom Fawcett on 07779793039**.

Everyone at Bainbridge and District Motor club wishes Mike a speeding recovery, get well soon. Don't forget to check out our Facebook page, Bainbridge and District Motor Club

**Emma Thwaite**

## Book and Equipment Awards

*Our annual good news for A-level students.*  
As soon as you know your results and have a place at University, contact us to apply for a book/equipment award of up to £250. We will need to know the name of the University and details of the course to be followed, and then, later, evidence and details of purchases made

## Leyburn Ladies Choir

Leyburn Ladies Choir will sing in St Margaret's church, Hawes in support of the restoration fund

The concert will start at 7.30pm on Friday 9th August. Tickets will cost £6 at the door and a raffle will be held.

## Last Month's Competition

There was a very large entry for the Limericks. These were whittled down to 13 and the winning one is below, together with two runners-up.

There once was a little lost ewe,  
Who was seen in a Wensleydale view.

Eunice is found,  
Comes home safe and sound,

Next month to be hidden anew.

*(Jane Ritchie)*

There was a young hiker from Dent  
Who decided to climb Pen-y-Ghent.

He found lots of space  
And a really nice place;

So now he lives there in a tent.

*(Kay Ewbank)*

A.W.I. member from Hawes  
Declined to strip off for the cause;

She thought it immodest  
To take off her bodice

And sit there in only her drawers.

*(Vivien Heenan)*

## The Moorcock Show

**Sunday 1st September 2013**

The Moorcock Show has been held at Mossdale Farm for the last twenty-seven years but this might be the last time it is held there, so do come and enjoy yourself.

The Show, which is a traditional Dales Sheep Show, will take place on Sunday this year. Mossdale Farm is on the A684 Hawes/Sedbergh Road at Thwaite Bridge Judging begins at noon and finishes at approximately 4.00 pm.

Apart from sheep, there will be local food and craft stalls together with a bouncy castle and children's games.

Two years ago we had a surprise visitor – the vicar from Emmerdale. Will we be lucky and get another star visitor this year?

**Colin Luckett**

## Askrigg Parish Party

This will take place on **Sunday 4th August** at Town Head Farm, Askrigg, starting at **5.00pm**. Everyone welcome. Refreshments, raffle and games for children. Adults £3. Children under 11 Free

## Sycamore Hall News

Once again the Friday afternoon films seem to have been enjoyed by the residents. Music and dancing seem to be favourites and “Seven Brides for Seven Brothers” went down very well. Michelle makes it even better by dishing out ice creams

“It’s here”; “It’s arrived”; “It’s landed” were shouts heard at the front door. What did it mean? Space ship? Gravy train? Tax relief for the elderly? NO!

The shouts were the signs of welcome and recognition for summer; how nice to see residents walking out, some with friends around the Hall gardens; some sitting with a glass of wine, courtesy of the house. The weather is still keeping up and we are getting that near-forgotten smell of hay at night, something I thought had gone for ever. Only one fault—the midges.

The next film “Kiss me Kate” went down very well but I think owing to the nice weather not as many attended. No need for Wimbledon here as Dilys and Liz appeared with ample supplies of ... Yes... strawberries and cream. ‘Penny Wise’: Dilys and Liz organised a very novel quiz in the day room on Wednesday July 10th involving four boxes containing a number of old-money coins from farthings to half-crowns. The idea was to total up the contents in each box. Tell you what! Going back to the old coinage is as difficult as it was learning metric.

**Derek Ramsden**

*(At a recent Newsletter Committee held at Sycamore Hall, we struggled to identify the location of the large photograph on the restaurant wall.*

*Any ideas? Ed.)*

## Vicarage Garage Sale, Carperby

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> August 10am - 2pm**

£1 entry; Free entry for children

Funds for the church benefice office.

Donations for cakes and home produce stall please. Contact a church member or Christine at the benefice office Tel: **663097**

## Co-operative Grant Award

Leyburn Brownies and Guides became the latest recipients of a grant awarded by the Co-operative Membership Community Fund when Colin Anderson, a member of the North Yorkshire committee, presented a cheque for £673 towards new tables and chairs for the Guide and Scout hall in the town. The fund also recently donated £1,870 to the Swaledale Festival to provide a series of workshops for children at Askrigg, Bainbridge and West Burton schools in various musical and theatrical projects, including a concert at St Andrew’s Church, Aysgarth.

Last year the fund gave more than £3 million to local projects, including sports clubs, theatre groups, rescue teams and children’s nurseries. Colin, who lives in Askrigg, says “I am especially proud to support projects in Wensleydale,”.

Community groups can apply for a grant of up to £2,000; visit [www.co-operative.coop](http://www.co-operative.coop) and go to the apply for funding section. The group must carry out positive work in the community and the project must provide a long-term benefit and support co-operative values and principles.

**Betsy Everett**

## Thornton Rust Country Show

The 31<sup>st</sup> Country Show takes place on **Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> August** at Thornton Rust Institute, from **2.00pm**, with an auction of produce beginning at 4.00pm. In addition to exhibits of home-grown produce, flowers and flower arranging, cookery, country wines, arts and crafts, photography and children’s entries, there will be a tombola and a plant stall. Teas will also be available during the afternoon. Admission is £1 for adults, and free entry for children

## St Oswald’s Gift Day

On **Saturday 24th August** Rev Ann Chapman will be collecting donations on the cobbles outside church from **9.00am until noon** and Margaret Thompstone will do likewise outside her home in Bainbridge between **10.00am and noon**. All donations help towards the cost of running the church.

## The Famous Summer Competition

Solve the clues to the places (all within the Newsletter area),  
visit them and search for the answers.

There is a £50 prize for you.

Send in, even if not completed. You might be the best!

- Clue to place:** *Wheat swoon oft (5,4,4,)*
- Puzzles to solve:** *Who is he above the Post Office?*  
Where might two numbers add up to 735?  
What for 263 years?  
What did T and V G do?  
If it takes just two hours from Richmond to Ingleton; what does 'D' mean?
- Clue to place:** *It has falls, green, chapel, school and fair.*
- Puzzles to solve:** Who provided positive music?  
Where can you get through with two tens and two twenties?  
Why do you suppose Sydney (died aged 42) features in the window?  
From outside, nine in reality; artistic licence from inside, twelve. What?  
How many dove holes (under 1976)?
- Clue to place:** *HPB village. (Lower and middle)*
- Puzzles to solve:** What might you get from S74 9TF?  
How many visible metal straps on the octagonal structure?  
Where has it drained for 246 years?  
Who are commemorated for services to the A.P.S.?  
Where might you get two big red kisses?
- Clue to place:** *Sfenjsf— go back one.*
- Puzzles to solve:** 11 rusty spikes on top and 12 below; where?  
600428 seems a lot to be hit; where?  
Who says it's unfit for human consumption?  
Where might you find Queen Bee?  
A place to get churned up? Where?
- Clue to place:** *I said " ", with your guitar in the Underground!*
- Puzzles to solve:** Two lots of fifty-somethings, and just two need extra help?  
Where do a sheep's head and a white rose feature together?  
Whose customer ref .is 1213046?  
What was Chapel Cottage once called?

**Clue to place:** *Town stew it (4,6), the 11,1,7,18,1,13 end*

**Puzzles to solve:** Where do three coppers stand?  
FP —? Bank ½  
Where might you find all these together:  
WWW SW  
WWW  
EB TEED  
WW SW TEED  
What's the link to the Duke of Devonshire?  
Where have they chained six free trunks?

**Clue to place:** *1784 mill village*

**Puzzles to solve:** Not so much a square peg in a round hole; more a square hole in a round.  
Where might you get a story told?  
Fawlty Towers connection?  
Westmorland in this village?  
Armistice Day 2005; connection with whom?

**Clue to place:** *The village where Dr Spooner might refer to old Farmer Platt! Go up a bit.*

**Puzzles to solve:** How far to the Falls?  
Just 35 triangular ones.  
Who was Frank's second wife?  
Six round ones round a round, under an arch.  
Where are these vertical: HDTBSBSBLPC

**Clue to place:** *Not soft nor cooked*

**Puzzles to solve:** Rear wheel drive?  
The connection between Ashford, Bath, Chester?  
Who was the faithful friend and organist?  
What from Bird Table Heaven?  
Who from Burnley's commemorated leaning against a wall?

**Clue to place:** *Brace pry*

**Puzzles to solve:** What was special in 2009?  
How many yellow stars?  
Two? One either side of Hill View?  
What is the temperature range on the circular thermometer?  
Where does this disaster ring a bell?



We have started a topic based around transport with our new activity table. The children have been decorating trains using paint and sponges to display near our activity table. They also used the train's wheels, running them through the paint and over the paper.

The weather was just right for our Barnardo's sponsored toddle. We left Dalesplay and walked up past the Creamery to look at the hens and have a play and a picnic in the park, after which we walked back down.

The children did very well as a lot of them weren't very old. The money isn't yet all collected in so we can't give a total figure but up to now we have raised £318. Thank you to everybody that sponsored the children.

We have a special offer available during August our package from 8.00am-3:30pm is available for £20. This is for children aged 3+ only.

Summer Workshops – 29<sup>th</sup> July Teddy Bears Picnic 11.00am-2.00pm £7.50. Bring along your teddy and packed lunch. 5<sup>th</sup> August – Baking, 7<sup>th</sup> August – Creative Crafts, 13<sup>th</sup> August – Bracelet Making, 15<sup>th</sup> August – Sports Day, 19<sup>th</sup> August Creative Crafts, 23<sup>rd</sup> August Cinema, 28<sup>th</sup> August – Hama Beads. All workshops are from 1:30 – 3.00pm and are priced at £2. Contact Dalesplay to book a place **667789**

Don't forget that we also have places available in September for the 2 and 3 year old funded 15 hours.

Also in September Joanne will be returning to work after her maternity leave. We look forward to having her and the children back with us.

**Louise Cloughton**

### **Open Gardens Success**

Carperby had a most successful open day raising a record total of **£3,545** for the village hall funds. The weather was perfect, the food was good and the people were wonderful. Many thanks to all who contributed in any way, and thanks to Muker Silver Band for the entertainment.

**Pat Jackson**

### **Recruitment Drive for National Park Young Champions**

The Mosaic Youth Project aims to recruit people aged between 16 and 25 who live in or near the National Park to become Young Champions and get involved in caring for the beautiful landscape. Two special taster days have been arranged to give possible recruits an idea of the kinds of skills they could learn and then pass on to others.

The National Trust, in partnership with the National Park Authority and the Youth Hostel Association, is hosting the events at Hudswell Woods near Richmond on July 26th and August 30th. Activities on offer will be practical conservation work, habitat monitoring and orienteering.

Jan Bruce, the Mosaic Youth Project officer (Yorkshire Dales), said: "The aim is that, with training and support, the Young Champions will choose to lead outdoor activities in the National Park, involve other young people, campaign to safeguard them for the future and advise the National Park on ways to become more youth-friendly."

Anyone between 16 and 25 years of age wanting to book a place on a taster day or get further information about the project should contact Jan: [jan@cnp.org.uk](mailto:jan@cnp.org.uk) or **07972630135**.

### **Midday Supervisor (MSA) Required**

Askrigg School will have a vacancy for a midday supervisor from September. If you would be interested the hours are Noon to 1:15pm for up to five days per week, term time only. Our MSAs play a vital role for the children, ensuring they can enjoy lunchtimes outside. The hourly rate is currently £6.63. If you are interested please send in a letter of application to the address below, including the contact details for two references. This position is subject to an enhanced DBS (formerly CRB) clearance.

Applications to **Mrs Kath Alderson**, Askrigg VC Primary School, Yorebridge, Askrigg, Leyburn, North Yorkshire. DL8 3BJ, or by email to [admin@askrigg.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin@askrigg.n-yorks.sch.uk)



## West Burton School News

The staff, governors and children of West Burton CE School said goodbye to the Rev Canon Sue Whitehouse with a celebration concert at WB chapel, followed by a picnic bring and share lunch at the Village Hall, which was eaten under the shade of the trees in the field outside the hall.

The concert included four songs especially chosen for Sue who retires in September. She has made an exceptional contribution to school life with weekly assemblies and work with Class 1, which has given our children an extensive knowledge of Christian culture and contributed to our 'outstanding' SIAS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican Schools) report last November.

Class 2 did a series of short plays which reflected the many stories Sue has taught us over the years, enhanced by ribbons and shawls.

Sophie Preston and Jack Greenslade presented Sue with flowers from the children. The chair of governors, Emma Guy then presented her with a woollen hat, grown, spun and knitted in West Burton.

Prayers written by the children were read before the final song.

This concert was the first time we have publicly used our new digital piano, played by Mrs Roocroft and paid for by the £100 bursary earned by the children at the Tournament of Song and a large donation (over £400) from the UWNL, which is much appreciated.

Sally Stone

### Aysgarth Fete

This year Aysgarth Fete will be held on

**Monday August 26th.**

There will be loads for everyone to do with games and stalls, tombola, nearly new and a raffle with some fabulous prizes.

- Hawes Silver Band • Bouncy Castle
- Children's sports and fancy dress • Teas
- Barbeque
- Evening quoits and BBQ at the George and Dragon.

Everyone is welcome. Please do come and join us on Aysgarth village green at **1.30pm**

## Gentle Exercise Class

Fridays

from 10.00 to 11.00am



Hi, my name is Kirsten Civil and I have led the Gentle Exercise class at Yorebridge Sports Development Association, Askrigg since January 2007. I look forward to my Friday morning class and try to ensure that everyone present in the class feels welcomed. They attend for various reasons from keeping fit, combating long term health issues, or for pre operation preparation and post operation recovery. All the exercises are designed to maintain the body so the current activity levels can be maintained. One area we particularly work on is maintaining the range of movement in joints like ankles, lower spine and shoulders. Think it might be for you? Then come on why not have a try... Classes start again after on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September and cost only £4 per session. Contact us on **650060** or email [admin@yorebridge-sport.co.uk](mailto:admin@yorebridge-sport.co.uk) for more information

### Coast to Coast Cycle Ride in Memory of Reg Fagg

A massive THANK YOU to everyone who donated/sponsored the Fagg boys on their recent cycle from Whitehaven to Sunderland in memory of their dad. The trip was a huge success, with fantastic weather, beautiful scenery and a great sense of achievement for the 5 riders knowing they raised a staggering amount for the Motor Neurone Disease Association and Hawes Playground - **£2946 at last count!** Legs were tired, bums were sore and the sun was at times savage but we all know Reg was smiling down having a little chuckle to himself at their pain! Thanks again for your generosity.

Anna Lord





## DCM What's On

### August

- 1 Celebrate Yorkshire Day by dropping in to taste Yorkshire curd tart; 10.00am - 3.00pm
- 2,9,23,30 Discover the secrets in our outdoor sculpture trail with our storyteller. 2.00 - 4.00pm
- 4 Workshop: 10.00am - 4.00pm. Drop in and learn to create in stone, guided by Jennifer Tetlow
- 6 Meet a National Park Ranger; 2.00 - 4.00pm. Repeat of the event held on 2 Jun.
- 6,13,20,27 Drystonewalling demonstraion: 12.30pm Meet in the amphi theatre to learn about this rural craft.
- 13 Make a Yorkshire pizza; 2.00 - 4.00pm. Booking required
- 15 Book your free slot; 2.00 - 4.00pm to make a delicious hay time trifle in a jam jar
- 24 10.00am to 4.30pm: Drop in activity f for children and families creating f felt jewellery
- 25 Heritage Crafts Day; 10.00am - 4.00pm

For further information on any activity 'phone **666210** '

### Wensleydale Triathlon

#### Sunday August 11th

The full triathlon: 2000m swim in Semerwater; then transition to the bike section: Askrigg, over to Swaledale, back over Buttertubs, over the Coal Road from Garsdale Head to Dent Station, Dent Head, Newby Head, Appersett, Hardraw to the Hawes Community Field (42 miles) for the transition to the run: up to the top of Great Shunner and back (20k).

There is also a half-course of 1000m, 20miles and 10k.

Registration is at the Community Field, 7.30— 9.30am (or on the Saturday, 5.00— 7.00pm) for the full race for a 10.00am start at Semerwater.

### Askrigg and District Produce Show –

#### Monday 26<sup>th</sup> August

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank those that have worked hard already at getting the show organised and those willing to help on the day. We have an excellent committee of experienced, enthusiastic and dedicated organisers who have made my life very easy as the new chairman.

I would encourage the support of anyone who is able to help out in the following ways:

Hall set up – people to help get tables, trestles etc. from the cellar and make the hall look good on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August at 11:00a.m. for about 90 minutes.

Judging stewards and tellers – from 11:00am on show day to support the judges while they judge – no experience necessary; just patience and precision!

Baked goods; cakes, scones, biscuits etc. – please see what you can do – the tea room at the back of the hall can't run without your generous offerings. You can bring them to the village hall any time 9:00 to 11:00am or after the show opens on show day or leave with a committee member on the day before.

Hall clear up – people required to clear away and return tables to the cellar.

It's always great fun and the show would not be possible without your help. Many thanks and here's hoping for the best show ever!

**Mike Dechezeaux, Chairman – Askrigg and District Produce Show, 650424**

### Handy Tip?

*If you are thinking of taking bulky rubbish to the recycling tip in Leyburn (or Settle), don't be caught out; please note that it is **CLOSED on Wednesdays.***

It is, however open at weekends and the times are: until end of September: **8.30am to 7.00pm**

October: **8.30am to 5.00pm.** November to February: **8.30am to 4.00pm**

## Police Report

I have been spoken to over the last couple of months by several disgruntled owners of items that have been clearly damaged, or in some cases wrecked, by what in common parlance is a hit and run accident. These have included other vehicles, field walls and fences, and buildings. I must admit I tend to feel as annoyed as these people do as it creates a lot of unnecessary work for my colleagues and myself. If you are involved in a collision you must STOP. Then you must remain to provide the necessary details to anyone who requires them – in very basic terms.

If you crash into something and damage in the middle of nowhere, where you cannot ascertain the owner to give them your details then you MUST report the matter at a police station or to a constable and this should be done as soon as practicable or in any case within 24 hours. Leaving a damaged fence or wall to a field may allow livestock to stray. Could you live with yourself if somebody else collided with a cow or sheep that had strayed and ended up losing their life?

Both failing to stop at the accident and failing to report an accident (if necessary) are offences.

Here is the legislation :-

Section 170 Road Traffic Act 1988. Duty of driver to stop, report accident and give information or documents:

(1) This section applies in a case where, owing to the presence of a motor vehicle on a road, an accident occurs by which:-

(a) personal injury is caused to a person other than the driver of that motor vehicle, or

(b) damage is caused—

(i) to a vehicle other than that motor vehicle or a trailer drawn by that motor vehicle, or

(ii) to an animal other than an animal in or on that motor vehicle or a trailer drawn by that motor vehicle, or

(iii) to any other property constructed on, fixed to, growing in or otherwise forming part of the land on which the road in question is situated or land adjacent to such land.

(2) The driver of the motor vehicle must stop and, if required to do so by any person having reasonable grounds for so requiring, give his

name and address and also the name and address of the owner and the identification marks of the vehicle.

(3) If for any reason the driver of the motor vehicle does not give his name and address under subsection (2) above, he must report the accident.

There are far too many instances of such “accidents” occurring. Please be aware that the penalties are quite steep. Much more than notifying your insurance company in the first place because you will have to disclose the points to them in the end.

Land Rover Defenders are still a top target of thieves. There have been several throughout the county including a couple from our area. Make sure your vehicle is locked and the keys are inside your house and secure. Thieves are actually bypassing factory fitted security devices by removing them and fitting their own which allows the vehicle to be started. If you can, park the vehicle in a secure location, inside a garage or other building, or fit an aftermarket security device.

I am now going to imitate some of the lesser channels on satellite telly by being full of repeats! The crime patterns over the last couple of months in the northern dales have been numerous thefts from oil tanks both of heating oil and diesel (both red and white). Quantities that are being taken suggest that offenders must be turning up in vans with a tank in the back – report any suspicious van sightings please. Quad bikes have been taken in overnight crimes, mainly in Swaledale – so please make that effort to put the machine away securely.

Shop/business owners and staff please be aware that there have been a spate of “ringing the changes” offences in the early part of July whereby offenders try to confuse staff into giving out too much change by sleight of hand and distraction techniques. At least one such attempt was made in Hawes. Please be on your guard.

Thanks for your support

**Andy Foster PC826**  
**Leyburn Safer Neighbourhood Team**  
**Wards of Addleborough and Hawes & High**  
**Abbotside**  
**Telephone 101**

## Best Foot Forward

Is it me, or the places I go, or have the masses taken to their bikes? Whatever the reason there seems to be nobody around where I am!

Take this quite straightforward walk; dropped off at Ribbleshead to be picked up a bit later at Ingleton, and seeing not a soul from by the viaduct until near the Waterfalls Walk.

It is good to be reminded of just how massive the viaduct is, and to read again the plaque about its saving, as the track leads to Gunnerfleet Farm and a field path to Ivescar. This year the meadows have been fantastic with so many people commenting on the masses of buttercups, but a closer look has also shown many other species flourishing. This area is no exception.

Ivescar is on the Craven Way, that long, old route, now a bridleway, curving all the way round the bulk of Whernside from Dentdale to Ingleton, and from Ivescar to Bruntscar and Ellerbeck is lined with limestone scars and rich wayside flowers. It was actually warm on that day a few weeks ago but with extremely low cloud; I like Dales conversations though. There's nearly always a negative caveat. The local friendly farmer agreed with my "It's nice and warm"— up to a point— but added, "aye but the midges are bad".

From Ellerbeck this route is across open ground with no walls or fences at all and although straight to the southwest is hardly trodden, spongy at first but as it gradually rises becoming dry with tempting sink holes to explore at either side.

After a few miles that pleasant warm morning took a severe turn for the worse. The wind rose, the cloud descended, the humidity approached 90% and I couldn't believe how dark it became.

At noon I was nearing Ewes Top Moss, the track having lost itself in the limestone pavement. In the gloomy distance the occasional cairn and a wind-blown tree emerged and at Ewes Top itself the 'shelter' marked on the map actually manifested itself. It's about a metre square, just high enough to crouch down in, hardly keeping out the wind, and has no top. It was a lonely lunch, accompanied by two crows, a skylark and two herb-robbers. A torch wouldn't have come amiss!

After a further kilometre the descent begins. It is very surprising to find how high you've risen. And what a difference! I'd forgotten



how impressive Twistleton Scar End is. I came across the good track again and the view down the two valleys of the Waterfalls Walk opened up and it became light— and warm! There were a few people about.

My route from Twistleton Hall was to join Oddies Lane which drops steeply down through a recognised nature reserve, very wooded, between both valleys of the 'Walk'. There are many 'Private, keep out' signs. Pity; I was very tempted to spend some time amidst the flora!

This walk is only about eight miles. It has great variety, just a bit of challenge and plenty of time to be alone, if that's what you want.

A.S.W.

## Football News

Carperby Rovers Junior Football Club are looking to welcome new players and members for their under 10s (Y4 and Y5) and under 12s (Y6 and Y7) teams. We welcome boys and girls to play for/train with us. Training sessions are held every Monday night in term time from 6.00 till 7.00pm at Carperby playing fields. In the darker winter months we usually hire the MUGA at Askrigg and train under floodlights. It costs only £1 per child per session which the children bring with them on the night. All our coaches are FA qualified;

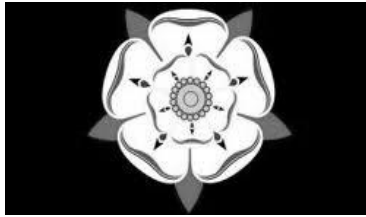
Darren Johnson- FA level 1

Nick Oliver- FA level 1

Stephen Thompson- FA level 1

If your child would like to train/play for us in a relaxed safe atmosphere, please feel free to turn up on Monday evenings for 6.00pm start. If you wish to ask any questions or would like more information please contact Darren on **07909 845693** or e-mail [magicj@tesco.net](mailto:magicj@tesco.net).

Thank you and we look forward to ensuring this successful club continues to grow.



**Yorkshire Day** is celebrated on 1st August to promote the historic English county of Yorkshire. It was celebrated in 1975, by the Yorkshire Ridings Society, initially in Beverley, as "protest movement against the Local Government re-organisation of 1974", The date alludes to the Battle of Minden, and also the anniversary of the emancipation of slaves in the British Empire in 1834, for which a Yorkshire MP, William Wilberforce, had campaigned.

The day was already celebrated by The Light Infantry, successors to the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry, as Minden Day. Together with five other infantry regiments of the British Army, a rose is permitted to be worn in the headdress. In the case of the Light Infantry, the rose is white.

Amongst the celebrations there is a Civic gathering of Lord Mayors, Mayors, and other Civic Heads from across the county, convened by the Yorkshire Society, which has been held in:

1998: Huddersfield  
 1999: Kingston upon Hull  
 2001: Wakefield  
 2003: Halifax  
 2004: Leeds  
 2005: Bradford  
 2006: Penistone  
 2007: Kingston upon Hull  
 2008: Redcar  
 2009: Malton  
 2010: Hedon  
 2011: Wakefield  
 2012: Scarborough

**And this year 2013: Skipton where there will be celebrations from August 1st to 4th.**

Saltburn, Guisborough and Saddleworth have also played host.

***Maybe it's time Upper Wensleydale had the honour!***

***A Ring of Roses Round Yorkshire's Boundary:***

The Ring of Roses is Yorkshire Riding Society's biggest and most exciting Yorkshire Day project yet.

What better way to mark our boundary than by flying Yorkshire flags in all the settlements on or very close to the boundary on Yorkshire Day.

## **New Faces on National Park Authority**

Former barrister and circuit judge Peter Charlesworth has been elected chairman of the National Park Authority for the next year. The former deputy chairman of the Authority, who lives in Ilkley, takes over from Carl Lis, who stepped down after a total of eight years as chairman. He will continue as a Member.

He paid tribute to Mr Lis, who he described as "a massive chairman in many ways" and he added: "You have carried us forward and led us with distinction."

Mr Charlesworth became a trustee and a chairman of the Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust and is a member of the Council of Management of the Yorkshire Dales Society. He is also chairman of the Rugby League Disciplinary Panel.

Members voted to elect the Authority's Planning Committee chairman Harold Brown as the Authority's deputy chairman.

The YDNPA also has two new Members who have been appointed following local elections last month.: Cumbria County Councillor Nick Cotton, who lives in Kirkby Lonsdale, and the other new Member, North Yorkshire County Councillor Polly English, who lives in Skipton. Mr Charlesworth also paid tribute to Richard Parkin, who is retiring after 15 years as the Authority's Committees Officer.

## **New-look Website for Cyclists**

Cyclists and visitors wanting to explore the National Park on two wheels, ahead of next year's Tour De France Grand Départ, now have a revamped, up-dated service at their fingertips to help them plan their trip.

A huge range of routes is included on the new-look Cycle the Dales website produced by the National Park Authority along with downloadable maps and descriptions. And there are new sections full of information about classic hill climbs and the Tour de France to be found on the site at [www.cyclethedales.org.uk](http://www.cyclethedales.org.uk).

## **New Owners for Sykes in Askrigg Wensleydale Red Squirrel Group**

**M**ichael and Alison Niklewicz took over the Askrigg shop on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> July – they were both very excited and a little nervous – but the training with previous owners Keith and Lisa paid off and all went well on the first day going solo. I caught up with Michael in the shop a few days later and chatted to him whilst he served a constant stream of customers. He managed to remain calm and kept smiling whilst: remembering the prices, where everything was kept, giving the right change and answering my questions. He didn't even bat an eye lid when a customer asked him to stock up on large size Marigolds, as he uses 52 pairs a year! (for painting of course)

The couple moved up from Bishops Stortford last year and were living in Bainbridge whilst looking for a B and B business to buy. They had been planning a new life in the Dales for the last 4 years. Finally when both sons had finished university and left home, they only had Elsie the cat to look after, so they took the plunge and ended up with their dream house and B and B in Askrigg which came with a shop and tea room thrown in.

Michael's customer service and business skills as a former Building Society Manager, and Alison's patience and communication skills gained caring for special needs children, will certainly help them rise to the challenge of juggling the three businesses between them. They already have B and B guests booked in and Alison hopes to re-open the tea room in early August.

They are really enjoying being in the hub of the community and have felt very welcomed by locals and visitors alike. They are open seven days a week (Mon-Fri: 8.00am-5.30pm, Sat: 8.45am-5.30pm, Sun: 9.00am-2.00pm) and are continuing to offer a dry cleaning service, prescription collection and of course newspapers.

On their day off (when Denise will still cover the shop) they hope to get out hiking.... if they have any energy left!

**K.J**

Since our first public meeting we are really pleased to have had so many people volunteering some of their time to help promote red squirrels in the area. A great group of enthusiasts have formed the main steering group. This group is beginning to get a plan together about how best to encourage red squirrels in this area. We have agreed three main group tasks for :

1. To promote and record sightings of red and grey squirrels
2. To coordinate the control of grey squirrels in sensitive areas
3. To promote the feeding and protection of red squirrels

We would be really grateful if as many of you as possible could report sightings of both red and grey squirrels in the area. This is very important, because without these sightings we can't easily make best use of the second point – controlling the greys. It is now possible to report sightings via our website at [www.wensleydalersg.co.uk](http://www.wensleydalersg.co.uk) (click on 'sightings'), so please also encourage your friends and any visitors that you speak with to do the same as this will help enormously. All the information that we gather will also be forwarded to the Red Squirrels Northern England for their research statistics.

Also on our website (red-squirrel-information) there is information about feeding red squirrels, what they eat, and how and when to do this to best effect. On the next page, (squirrel-feeders), there are details of bespoke squirrel feeders if you would like to put one up yourself.

For those of you who use Facebook (Wensleydale Red Squirrel Group) and Twitter (WensleydaleRSG), you may like to 'Like' us or 'Follow' us through these sites as that will help raise awareness of the group and what we are trying to achieve.

**Anthony Bagshawe**

## Bolton Castle Events

**Monday 29th July – Friday 2nd August  
(10.00am – 5.00 pm)**

### *Marvellous Middle Ages*

Discover what people did for fun in the Middle Ages. Dress up in authentic costume and have a go at our medieval crafts, toys, games and more.

**Monday 5th August – Friday 9th and  
Monday 12th – Friday 16th August  
(10.0am – 5.00 pm):**

### *Teddy Bears Picnic*

Bring your favourite teddy and join us for a fun packed day of teddy hunts, party games, picnicking and much more! Children with their Teddies get in free!

**Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th August  
(10.00am – 5.00pm):**

### *Spanish Armada Weekend*

As the Armada approached the Kent coast beacons were lit up and down the land warning of the impending invasion. Throughout the country militias, such as those of Sir Henry, 9th Lord Scrope, prepared to defend the land. Meet characters from the castle's household and garrison as they get ready for battle! Discover more about 16th century cookery, herbal medicine and weaponry. Put on your armour to take part in a spear drill or learn how to fire the cannon!

**Monday 19th – Friday 23rd August and  
Monday 26th – Fri 30th August (10.00am –  
5.00 pm):**

### *Knights and Dragons*

Only the bravest of Knights have dared to complete The Daring Dragon Quest! Will you be up to the challenge?

Have a go at dragon themed activities including kite, mask and puppet making.

**Katie Boggis**

## Thoralby Fete

takes place on the village green  
**at 2.00pm on Sunday, 11th August.**  
Fancy dress competition, children's sports  
and games, various stalls and activities.  
Teas in the village hall

## Annual Organ Recital

HAWES METHODIST CHURCH

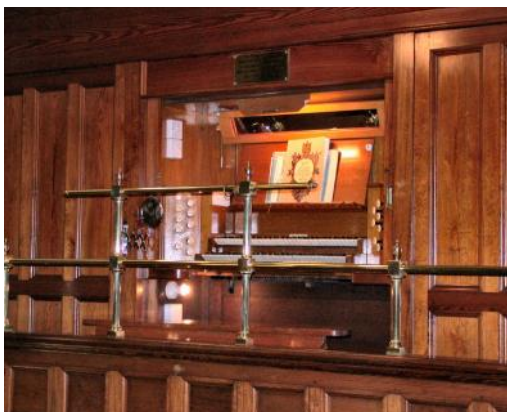
**Friday August 23rd at 7.30pm**

This year we are pleased that **Shaun Turnbull, Deputy Director of Music at Blackburn**

**Cathedral**, has agreed to give this recital, which will provide a varied programme of music suited to this well-regarded, well maintained and memorial organ for the town.

For the very best acoustics we suggest you sit in the chapel gallery where it is also better to see the hand and foot work of the organist.

Admission is £5.00.



## Exhibition



at the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority offices, Yoredale, Bainbridge

**“Every Picture Tells a Story”**

*Texture, Form and Detail: a selection of  
casework images selected from the Historic  
Environment Record..*

**August and September 2013**

open **8.30 am to 4.30 pm**, Monday to Friday

### **“All the Watta Tha’ Wants!”**

**B**efore we came to the Yorkshire Dales from ‘down south’ in 1988, inspired, I have to admit, by the beautiful scenery as seen on ‘All Creatures Great and Small’ and in the Herriot books, our only experience of water supplies was that water came from the mains, courtesy of the Water Board, but Tarney Fors was not on the mains; it also had a septic tank, no T.V. reception and ‘plenty of scope for modernisation’. We were young(er) then!

Alan and I are moving on now with a mixture of feelings; as he remarked, “We have been here in Hawes for half of our married life”, and so we have. We got involved initially with Hawes life thanks mainly to dear Eileen Horner, whom some of you reading this will remember. One day, as we sat having a cup of tea in our on-site caravan, our temporary home, in pops Eileen, and after the welcome and introductions, she invited us to join the Drama Club Hawes Operatic Society, the W.I. (only me, that is), and would we be interested in running the Brownies, the Scouts and the Red Cross? Dizzy with all this, we managed to keep our heads but we did join in with some of the above and have had a lot of fun out of them.

Then there was Dr King. On learning where we had moved to he pronounced, “ You’ll need all the red meat you can get living there”, this after an inquiry about a cholesterol test. I took on the Playgroup in the Market House for a couple of years and got to know a few local folk. I also added a new word to my vocabulary: bannocks, which a child was making out of ‘play-dough’ and couldn’t believe I had to ask. (I thought it was a term of abuse!)

You get drawn into life here without realising it; one thing leads to another and the understated ‘inclusion’ by people wraps around you. People born and bred here probably take it for granted but it is rare in urban communities. We will both miss the Dales and our many friends (although we’re not going *that* far away) but it is time to come down from the hills and move to where the climate is a little milder, which is where I came in. At the time, the sale of Tarney Fors was being handled by Billy Lambert, late husband of Jean (Hopper’s

Agents and Sales). On one of our visits to the house, before we moved up here, we tried to get water from the taps; no luck. A little concerned, we went up to Raygill Farm to ask what the secret was. It was a late winter day of sheeting, horizontal rain as we knocked on the farmhouse door. As Billy stood with the rain falling down his cap, Alan explained the problem. Raising his eyes to the heavens, Billy uttered the comforting words, “Tha’ll have all the watta tha’ wants today, lad.”

Thank you Hawes for all the happy years.

**Sue Harpley**

**Sue modestly fails to mention her 12 years with the Newsletter— drawings, interviews and a stalwart of the committee— and for her involvement with the running of the Hawes Market House and its trustees.**

**We are extremely thankful and wish her and Alan well. The ‘not that far way’ is, in fact Scruton.**

### **Hawes United Football Club**

This year’s sponsored walk will take place on **Sunday August 25th**. The walk will follow the Pennine Way back from Keld to Hawes, approximately 14 miles. Everyone welcome!

Please meet at Carrs Billington’s, Hawes at 10.00am for registration and transportation.

For sponsor forms, to take part, or to make a donation, please contact:

**Dave Calvert 667334**  
**Gordon Sleightholm 667348**

### **Cricket Match**

Swinithwaite v West Witton

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> August Meet at 2.00pm for 2.15pm start**

**West Witton Playing Fields**

Teas served at £3 per person.

Profit for St. Bartholomew’s Church.

Come and support your team! Lots of fun!



**WHAT'S ON LISTING; please add these dates to your Diary**

**August**

- 1 until 11th; Stories from the Dales.  
See p6
- 1 Yorkshire Day See p.21
- 3 Men's Prayer Breakfast; Sycamore Hall, Bainbridge, 8.30am.
- 4 Hawes Cricket v Doncaster; 2.00pm.
- 4 Swinithwaite Cricket v West Witton. See p.24
- 4 "Caring for Life". St Andrew's, Aysgarth See p.10
- 4 Gayle Mill Demonstration tours; 11.00am and 2.30pm
- 4 Askrigg Parish Party. See p.12
- 5-9 Teddy Bears Picnic; Bolton Castle.  
For other Events. See p.23
- 6,7 Tea and Scones with stalls in St Margaret's, Hawes. And every Tuesday and Wednesday; 1.00 to 3.00pm during August.
- 7 Guided walk: Historic footsteps. Meet Bainbridge Green, 1.00pm. 6 miles
- 7,14,21, 28. Dales Discovery Slide-talks continue. Hawes Methodist Church, 8.00pm. See p.4
- 8,22 Wensleydale Country Markets. Leyburn Methodist Hall. 10.00am to 12.30pm
- 9 Leyburn Ladies Choir; St Margaret's, Church, Hawes. See p.12
- 10-18 Kettlewell Scarecrow Festival
- 11 Table top sale; Market House for Hawes School
- 11 Wensleydale Triathlon. See p.18
- 11 Gayle Chapel Anniversary: 2.00pm.
- 11 West Burton Chapel Anniversary with Reeth Band. 6.30pm
- 11 Thoraby Fete. See p.23
- 11 Spanish Afternoon, White Hart, Hawes For Gala funds 4.00pm  
See p.4
- 13 BBQ at Town Head Farm, Askrigg.
- 13 YDNPA Planning Committee; Yoredale Bainbridge, 1.00pm
- 17 Mobile Skip on Gayle Green. Usual arrangements
- 17 Garage Sale; 10.00am to 2.00pm. The Vicarage, Carperby. See p.13
- 17,18 Spanish Armada Weekend; Bolton Castle. See p.23
- 17,18 Arts, Crafts and Flower Festival; St John's Cowgill. See 9
- 18 Pet Service, Castle Bolton; 3.00pm.
- 18 Thornton Rust Show, 2.00 pm. See p.13
- 19-23,26-30 Knights and Dragons events; Bolton Castle See p.23
- 21 BDMC Hill Climb. See p.12
- 23 Organ recital, Hawes Methodist Church, 7.30pm. See p.23
- 24 Gift Day for St Oswald's Church, Askrigg. See p.13
- 24 Wensleydale Show
- 24 Gayle Mill course-Introduction to stone slate roofing; 10.30am to 4.30pm.£20 per person. **667320** for details
- 24,25 West Witton Feast Weekend and St Bartholomew's Church patronal festival. See p.10
- 24,25,26 Annual Flower Festival; St Matthew's Church, Stalling Busk. See p.9
- 25 Lakeside Service; Semerwater 3.00pm
- 25 Hawes Football Club sponsored walk. See p.24
- 25 Marsett Chapel Sing-a-long 8.00pm
- 25 BBQ, Town Head Askrigg. See p.5
- 26 Askrigg Show See p.18
- 26 Aysgarth Fete. See p.17
- 27 Coffee Morning and stalls, Hawes Methodist Rooms. 10.00am to noon
- 30 VaCO Concert, St Andrew's Church, Aysgarth, 7.30pm.
- 31 Hawes Town Trail. Meet Dales Countryside Museum 1.15pm

**September**

- 1 Moorcock Show See p.12

<b>Rainfall figures; in millimetres</b>							
	<b>Jan</b>	<b>Feb</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>Apr</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>Jun</b>	<b>Total for half year</b>
<b>Hawes</b>	143	60	46	84	111	58	<b>502</b>
<b>Carperby</b>	93	48	67	42	84	44	<b>378</b>
<b>Bainbridge</b>	126	55	67	58	110	44	<b>460</b>
<b>Stalling Busk</b>	157	61	69	67	107	54	<b>515</b>
<b>Askrigg</b>	98	51	48	46	99	33	<b>375</b>
<b>Thornton Rust</b>	104	46	68	49	99	43	<b>409</b>
<b>West Burton</b>	85	94	67	42	62	31	<b>381</b>

### **TOSH -**

The Old School House Arts and Community Centre in Richmond Road Leyburn is progressing towards its first stage to enable the building to be used for organisations around the Dales. The small children's size toilets have been replaced by adult ones, painting and decoration has made the rooms more attractive and we now have five rooms available for hire. Two larger ones, The Auditorium and a Studio room upstairs would suit larger groups, and the Library and Garden Room have space for a maximum of

about 20 people. The Cafe Room can accommodate approximately 30. All bookings would include use of the upstairs kitchen facilities. Enquiries can be made at [leyburnarts@gmail.com](mailto:leyburnarts@gmail.com). The Howden Jones Duo will be performing in support of The Old School House on Friday 20th September at Thornborough Hall, Leyburn, tickets cost £8 and include a glass of wine. They describe themselves as bare-knuckle acoustic balladry and come highly recommended.

**Jeannie Bishop**

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**Aysgarth:** Hamilton's Tearoom 663423

**Redmire:** see Carperby above

**Thoralby:** Sandra Foley, Shop 663205

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Olive  
Congratulations and very best wishes on  
your 90th birthday, 16th August.  
With love from Sylvia, Brian,  
Karen and Andrew**

**Gwen Fawcett**  
I would like to thank friends and  
relations for cards and presents  
received on my 80th birthday

**SHARPLES  
Olive  
With love and best wishes on your 90th  
birthday, August 16th.  
Love from Brenda, John,  
Kevin and Brigitte**

**Anne Dinsdale**  
Happy 80th Birthday to a very  
special Mum and Grandma

**Happy 18th birthday  
STUART  
14th August  
Lots of love from Mum, Dad  
and Megan**

**Stuart Iveson**  
Wishing you all the best on your 18th birthday  
August 14th  
Granddad, Grandma and Terry